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Placing first bus shelter module onto Peterson Road Station, 14 May 2024. Greg Stephenson photographer

Running Days: 1st and 3rd Sundays
Trackwork Saturdays: Saturday before the second running day of the month
Work Days: Every Saturday as required

Our Safety Goal — No Injuries

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Donations and Bequests

Donations to the Society's Museum Fund are tax deductible. Donations can be made either by Direct Transfer, cash or cheque made payable to the "Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society" and posted to the PO box above. Remember to include a note indicating that it's a donation, plus your name and address so that a receipt can be posted to you.

We appreciate your help and support now, but also consider mentioning the Society in your Will. Donations/bequests can be for a particular project or for museum development (restoration or infrastructure). For details, contact the President.

**Safety is a very important part of our operation and
ANGRMS remains committed to providing a safe railway.**

Communication is an essential part of safety. As well as taking the time to let others know what you are doing before and while undertaking a task, your feedback is always welcome. Remember there is a suggestion box in the Station Master's Office at Woodford Station and any suggestions will be discussed at the next board meeting.

President's Report

Terry Olsson, President

It has been a very busy two months, the highlight of the last couple of months has been the upgrade to Peterson Road station. This has made an incredible difference and is certainly getting a lot of positive feedback – a big shout out to all involved! See Greg's report for details!

We also attended two shows: the annual AMRA Model Railway Show and the Antique Machinery show at the Caboolture Historical Village, see my Sales report for more details. Speaking of the Caboolture Historical Village, Greg and Ryan have been down there to see the construction of the extension of the 12inch gauge railway.

Greg has been continuing work on the Picnic Shelters while Aaron has been working on the Malcolm Moore including some significant repairs to the roof. He has also been tidying up the Workshop – so please keep it clean and put any tools, etc., away after use.

There is always a huge amount of work going on behind the scenes! In addition to the work mentioned above, there has been:

- Ryan bringing the Board into modern times by helping set up meetings using Teams
- As well as the normal monthly report to the Rail Regulator (ONRSR), Davo and I working on, and have submitted, the Annual Safety Performance Report (7 pages!)
- Working with Ryan we submitted comments on proposed changes to the ONRSR Boiler Code of Practice a few months ago, and during the last month we found out we had been successful in getting most of our suggestions adopted!
- We also made comments on proposed changes to the ONRSR Level Crossing Guidelines during the last couple of months.
- Ryan and I attended an ATHRA meeting which talked about upgrades to the NTC Medical Std. I have been reviewing this.
- Usual maintenance of site, including such things as mowing, whipper snipping and preparing the station and train for running days.

A shortage of volunteer continues to impact us so please come along and give us a hand if you are not already doing so (noting that not all assistance needs to be on site).

A big thank you to everyone who have assisted during the past couple of months.

Remember — Safety First

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

ANGRMS TRAIN NOTICE 01-2024

Date issued: 1/06/24

ANGRMS WOODFORD RAILWAY - PLATFORM AND TRACK WORK –
PETERSON ROAD

Some ex-Bus Shelters have now been installed on the Peterson Road platform. As a result, the height of the platform was raised approximately 150mm. This now provides level entry into our passenger cars.

Also, some minor track lifting was carried out at the Margaret Street end. While the track is still on a downgrade, it is now slightly flatter in and near the platform.

You are reminded to take extra care during the upgrading work, and to record any slips, trips and falls or other incidents.

ANGRMS has a zero tolerance on alcohol and non-prescription drug use

Random Breath Testing

There were no adverse results in the reporting period.

General:

Using angle grinder discs: Angle grinder discs have an "Out of date" stamp, indicating that the structural integrity of the disc may become unstable after this date. The stamp date is found on the inner metal part of the disc. If out of date discard. Received via feedback to Board - Thanks

(ANGRMS SMS) Section 5 Personnel Management

5.1 General Responsibilities

All ANGRMS rail safety workers and other staff shall be trained, and accredited where necessary, for the duties that are required for railway operations.

The health and fitness of the rail safety workers undertaking rail safety work must meet the required standards.

It is the responsibility of the rail safety workers and other staff to report any medical condition which may impair the safe function of their duties.

Track Matters

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Peterson Road Station

My daily commute from home to work involves a bus trip through the Brisbane Convention Centre Bus Station. As part of the Brisbane Metro Project, this bus station re-build used temporary bus stations further along Melbourne Street, South Brisbane. These were steel framed modules on 4m x 2.5m precast

concrete floor panels. One morning, it occurred to me they were transportable units that may have further uses. I enquired with Brisbane Metro about what was going to happen with the units once the new Bus Station was completed.

It was suggested that they may go to Translink or Community Groups and I was sent a copy of the engineering drawings that confirmed that they were designed to be transportable. We had a look at the feasibility of locating some to our Peterson Road Station platform. Around September 2023, I told Brisbane Metro that we'd like four modules. There was an occasional exchange of emails but no confirmation about whether we could or could not receive any modules.

On the Wednesday before the 2024 Labour Day Long Weekend, I received a phone call from the demolition sub-contractor to say that he'd been told that we were interested in two modules and he could deliver them on Friday. I replied we hadn't been told that we would be getting any and hadn't prepared the site and by the way we'd actually like 4 modules. It was agreed that they would deliver 4 modules on Tuesday 14 May 2024 and we would be responsible for the cramage to unload them. We were already committed to the AMRA Model Train Show and a Sunday running day on the Labour Day Long Weekend. With limited resources on the Saturday, we cut and trimmed some trees that needed to be removed and did the survey work to check levels and the extent of earthworks required.

We have had a long-standing job to clear out the drains beside the track through Freeman Cutting now that it has been re-sleepered with concrete sleepers. Fortuitously, and by sheer coincidence, we had arranged with Tim from Cosmos Earthmoving to bring his mini-excavator and loader for that project on Saturday 11 May 2024. That equipment would be suitable for Peterson Road station.

As he has done for many decades, Ralph Cumner answered our call for assistance and brought his backhoe and truck to transport fill material from Margaret Street to Peterson Road. Ralph delivered the fill and Tim "bucketed" it around the end of the track and up onto the platform where he spread and levelled the material. There was a wedding at Woodford Gardens that day and whilst the service was being held, we went and cleaned out one of the drain outlets from Freeman Cutting. After the service, their DJ drowned out the noise of our activities!

The modules were loaded on two semi-trailers and parked beside the Woodford Swimming Pool early on Tuesday 14 May 2024. We used a 20tonne Franna Crane from Burpengary Crane Hire to "walk" the modules down the road, off the level crossing and down beside the track, and onto the prepared platform.

Fortunately, the wet had held off and despite soft ground conditions, the four modules were placed successfully. In a couple of hours, we had the modules in place on top of the original platform, which meant that we had to raise the remainder of the platform by 150mm to match the new modules and the hard work to return the platform to service commenced.

Over the next few days and Saturday 18 May 2024, around 7m³ of “deco” and 4m³ of road base were “wheel barrowed” in and spread to rise the platform and the approach ramps. Peterson Road Station was available for use for the next running day on Sunday 19 May 2024.



Transporting the first bus shelter module off Peterson Road toward station platform, 14 May 2024. Greg Stephenson photographer.

Over the following weeks other fit out and finishing works have continued including the platform fascia, roof flashing, signs and barriers. The incredible amount of work undertaken between the two running days is an immense credit to all those involved that gave their time, expertise and funds to allow this outstanding asset to be delivered for the Society.

Raising the platform by 150mm has improved the access onto our passenger wagons. We also took the opportunity to raise and realign about fifteen metres of the track at the platform to maintain the required clearances.

The rest of the drainage works planned to be undertaken by Tim from Cosmos Earthmoving still remains a project for another day!

Peterson Road Passing Loop

Whilst we were waiting for Ralph to deliver the fill for the platform, Tim cleared away old ballast that had been placed on the future passing loop. This will allow the sleepers and rails to be exposed to prevent deterioration until the track is lifted to final levels and ballasted.

Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure Course

No dates have been set for the trainees from Movement TwentyTwo Inc. to undertake their practical training this year.

Operations, Sales and Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Unfortunately the on-going wet weather continues to take a toll on our passenger numbers, and subsequently our income. As at the end of June our passenger numbers are down 31% on same time last year.

Because our carriages are open sided, when rain is predicted we go low on marketing, etc. While the forecast can change from rain to fine a day or two before the actual running day by then it is too late to have any impact.

The annual AMRA Brisbane Train Show was held on the first weekend in May and I would like to thank everyone who helped out before, during, and after the actual show. Each year it is getting harder to locate new sales items, so if you have any ideas please let me know.

We managed to obtain a book on the Camp Mountain Crash via one of the authors, Peter Burden (which sold out), the book Romance of Rail via Ruth Kerr (new to us) and an updated book on Locomotives of Moreton Sugar Mill by Clive Platter. We also obtained copies of the DVD The Last Crush on the closure of Moreton Sugar Mill from the Maroochy Shire Council, and some tea towels and spoons via member Ian Joyner.

Because of the limited number of new sales items sales at the show were down on previous years, but better than expected. This year we reduced the size of the sales part of our stand, but incorporated a model railway loaned to us by member Steve Malone – thanks Steve – this certainly created a lot of interest.

As well as reducing the cost of our sales stand, it also meant we received a payment from AMRA for the layout – thank you AMRA!

The annual Antique Machinery Show at the end of June was this year held at the Caboolture Historical Village. As well as an opportunity to promote our train, it was also a very valuable networking opportunity with the Village and Antique Machinery group.

Monthly Statistics

	May 2024	June 2024
Paying Passengers	229	256
Guards Sheet	158	162

New Sales Items

Locomotives of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill (Revised edition 2023) by Clive Platter: This excellent publication not only covers the locomotives of Moreton Sugar Mill, it has been expanded to include other interesting information on the mill such as details of the unusual lift bridges. Cost: \$15.00 plus postage.

DVD - The Last Crush – Closure of Moreton Sugar Mill produced by Maroochy Shire Council: This excellent DVD includes not only trains, but other interesting associated footage leading up to the closure. Cost: \$15.00 plus postage.

Romance of the Rail by now deceased artist Janet Skinner and author Pauline Reckentin: While this hard cover book has been around for a few years now, it is still an excellent collection of Janet's railway themed paintings. Cost: \$29.00 plus postage.

Qld Rail themed tea towel and various Qld Rail themed Tea Spoons. Cost: \$10.00 plus postage.



Tim from Cosmos Earthmoving clearing old ballast from the future passing loop at Peterson Road Station, 11 May 2024. Greg Stephenson photographer